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Need to Check Brahmaputra's Floods ta Jorhat Town

733. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the river Brahmaputra is now only fow kilometers away from the Jorhat town and the only protective measure to check the southward advance of its course is the only embankment at a distance of one Km. from the Nimati Ghat, which is also in danger; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government tn this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The Brahmaputra river is about twelve kilometers away from the Jorhat town. At present, the embankment on left bank from Hatisal to Neamatighat-Dainigaon and in downstream of Kokilamukh is providing protection to Jorhat twon from floods in Brahmaputra. The erosion of the left bank on river Brahmaputra at Neamatighat is tending to move southwards towards the embankment and the embankment is presently 1.00 to 1.50 kilometer away from river bank.

(b) To check the shift of Brahmaputra river course in southward direction due to erosion at the Hatisal-Neamatighat areas Government of Assam has submitted to the Union Government in July, 1995 an anti erosion scheme titled 'Protection of Dainigaon-Hatisal-Neamatighat area against the erosion of Brahmaputra river' at an estimated cost of about Rs. 32 crore. The scheme is under appraisal by the Central agencies.

अनिवासी भारतीयों द्वारा इस्पात संयंत्र स्थापित करने हेतु प्रस्ताव

734. **श्री बिमन भाई हरिभाई शुक्ल** : क्या इस्पात मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को अनिवासी भारतीयों व बहुराष्ट्रीय कंपनियों से देश के विभिन्न भागों मे इस्पात संयंत्र व अन्य संबद्ध इकाइयां स्थापित करने हेतु अनेक प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुए है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) पिछले तीन वर्षो के दौरान प्राप्त हुए प्रस्तावों पर अब तक सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्रवाई की गई है;

(घ) उपर्युक्त प्रस्तावों में से उन प्रस्तावों की संख्या क्या है जिन्हें सरकार ने मंजूर कर दिया है; और

(ड) प्रत्येक प्रस्ताव में कितनी राशि अंतर्ग्रस्त है और उन राज्यों के क्या नाम है जहां प्रस्तावित संयंत्र स्थापित किए जाने की संभावना है?

इस्पात मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष महोन देव) : (क) से (ड) निजी क्षेत्र में इस्पात संयंत्रों और अन्य संबद्ध इकाइयों की स्थापना करने के लिए अप्रवासी भारतीयों और बहुराष्ट्रीय कम्पनियों से प्राप्त प्रस्तावों का ब्यौरा संलग्न विवरण में दिया गया है ।